

TESTIMONY FAILS To Save J. W. CAUDLE

DEB She Saw Nottingham Sign
B Check, but Jury Proves
Skeptical.

ETS YEAR IN PENITENTIARY

Experts Give Diverse Testimony on
Authenticity of Signature to \$500
Check, for Forgery of Which De-
fendant Is Convicted.

Despite the combined efforts of his
relatives, a corps of hand-
writing experts, and a jury, the
defendant, J. W. Caudle, was
found guilty of having forged the
check for \$500, Nottingham to a check
for \$500, Judge Richardson sentenced
him to serve a year in the penitentiary.
The forgery, according to the police,
was committed on February 20, 1914,
at the home of Dr. John P. Grace
Street, Nottingham, N. C.

TRANSFERS MONEY TO
BANK IN PETERSBURG

Shortly after depositing the check
in his credit in the Central National
Bank, Caudle transferred the fund to
Petersburg. The forgery was
discovered when the check reached the
bank. Caudle, who is a native of
Nottingham, N. C., was arrested after
a search of months. He was
located in Nashville, Tenn., by Pinkerton
detectives, last September. The local
police dispatched an officer for him
and he was brought back to Richmond
to face the charge.

CAUDLE RETAINED ATTORNEY HARRY M.
SMITH, who conducted his defense at
yesterday's trial. The defendant in-
duced James E. Tyler, of the First
National Bank, and W. W. Dillard, of
the Federal Reserve Bank of Rich-
mond, in the capacity of handwriting
experts. These gave testimony tend-
ing to bear out the defendant's claim
that the signature on the \$500
check was genuine and not a forgery.

HANDWRITING EXPERTS
GIVE DIVERSE TESTIMONY

The Commonwealth introduced P. E.
W. Goodwin, of the Central National
Bank, who related the circumstances
surrounding the deposit of the check.
The handwriting expert, the Com-
monwealth presented, among others,
Cashier G. Jeter Jones, of the
Central National Bank, who pro-
duced the signature of the check.
The signature was said to be a magnifi-
cent imitation.

On the stand, Caudle told the jury
that the check was given him by
Nottingham as a loan with
selling a device designed to prevent
the raising of checks. In this state-
ment he was corroborated by his wife.

To-Day and To-Night in
Richmond.

Art Club of Richmond, lecture by E.
W. Meek, on "Some Phases of the
American War." 8:30 P. M., City
Council Chamber, on Public Build-
ing, Properties and Utilities, City Hall.
Board of Aldermen, City Hall, 8
o'clock.

Richmond Hotel Men's Association,
annual convention, Richmond Hotel, 10
o'clock.

The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Fair and con-
tinued cold Tuesday and Wednesday.
North Carolina—Fair Tuesday; colder
on the coast; Wednesday fair.

Local Temperature Yesterday.	41
12 noon temperature.	41
1 P. M. temperature.	39
2 P. M. temperature.	36
3 P. M. temperature.	34
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10 P. M. temperature.	-196
11 P. M. temperature.	-198
12 M. temperature.	-200

Local Rainfall Yesterday.

Rainfall last twenty-four hours. None.

Deficiency in rainfall since March 1.

Accumulated deficiency in tempera-
ture since January 1.

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature, 30; humidity, 88; wind,
direction, northwest; wind velocity, 15;
weather, clear.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.

Asheville. 22 26 28 Clear

Atlanta. 22 26 28 Clear

Boston. 22 26 28 Clear

Buffalo. 10 20 20 Clear

Chicago. 12 18 18 Cloudy

Charlotte. 42 48 48 Clear

Cincinnati. 2 4 4 Clear

Cleveland. 30 38 38 Clear

Dallas. 40 40 40 Clear

Galveston. 40 40 40 Clear

Hatteras. 44 48 48 Clear

Jacksonville. 46 48 48 Clear

Kansas City. 48 52 52 Clear

Louisville. 6 12 12 Clear

Montgomery. 30 36 36 Clear

New Orleans. 28 32 32 Clear

New York. 24 32 32 Clear

Norfolk. 36 44 44 Clear

Oklahoma City. 40 48 48 Clear

Pittsburgh. 8 20 20 Clear

Raleigh. 32 40 40 Clear

San Francisco. 46 48 48 Clear

St. Louis. 42 48 48 Cloudy

Savannah. 42 48 48 Cloudy

Spokane. 18 20 20 Cloudy

Tampa. 48 52 52 Clear

Washington. 20 38 38 Clear

Winnipeg. 16 22 22 Clear

Wynne. 10 26 26 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 15, 1914.

Sun rises. 7:19 Morning. 2:56

Sun sets. 4:51 Evening. 3:41

BAUSERMAN SUBMITS HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Shows That 1,657 People Were Ad-
mitted to State Hospitals for In-
sane During Past Year.

The annual report of the Commis-
sioner of State Hospitals, Colonel J.
M. Bauserman, was submitted yester-
day to Governor Stuart. No recom-
mendation for appropriations accom-
panies the report, as none is to be
made this year.

It is shown that there were admitted
to the hospitals of the State during
the year ended September 30, 1,657 pa-
tients, a larger number than in any
preceding year.

The per capita cost was as follows:
Eastern State Hospital, \$138.33;
Western State Hospital, \$152.26; Cen-
tral State Hospital, \$106.35; Virginia
Epileptic Colony, \$167.36; South-
western State Hospital, \$139.56. The per
capita cost is a little in excess of the
previous year for all the institutions
except the Western State Hospital and
the Epileptic Colony.

The report says the farms have pro-
vided sufficient vegetables for the pa-
tients. These lands, however, have not
been as productive as usual, owing to
the long drought.

Discussing improvements, the report
mentions that the Southwestern Hos-
pital has just completed a large, mod-
ern cow barn, with capacity for fifty
cows. This barn is one of the most
complete buildings of the kind in the
State.

At the Western State Hospital a
great deal of repair work was done on
buildings and grounds. There, diet has
been completed, and another large
brick building for the criminal insane
at the Eastern Hospital a building
has been completed in which the "un-
treated class of patients" will be housed.
A large brick infirmary is nearing com-
pletion. A small dwelling-house for
employees of the institution has been
completed.

The commissioner reports that the
wards and sleeping apartments at all
of the institutions are kept clean, well
ventilated and sanitary. The diet, he
says, is good and wholesome, and the
food well prepared and cleanly served.

STREET CAR PATRONS OWE COMPANY VOTE OF THANKS

Virginia Railway and Power Company
Provides Landings on
Muddy Streets.

From time immemorial—or since
public utilities first started—it has
been a favorite pastime to knock the
buses on every occasion, whether
justified or not. The same time, the
public has not been slow to find
words of praise. Last week, however,
patrons of the Virginia Railway and
Power Company had occasion to re-
nder thanks to the foresight of its of-
ficials, particularly those patrons liv-
ing in those parts of the city without
the blessing of paved streets.

Since the company has caused to be placed
at all street crossings, sidewalks of sand
or cinders, upon which the patrons of
its lines can leave the cars without
stepping into a quagmire of mud and
water, the company has been commended
for its foresight. This action
through mud and water. This action
company, and the work was done at some
expense.

Since the near-side stop ordinance
went into effect, patrons of the cars
have found that they could not get
on and off with as much comfort as
they could under the old system. The
change was found to be beneficial
in many other ways. With the streets
in bad condition, users of the cars
were obliged to grumble when they stepped
into a mud hole. Without waiting for
the car to render the service, the tra-
veler company put its gears and con-
sideration to work building platforms from which
to enter and leave the cars. This
extra duty, in times of rain, has been
but can be renewed at slight expense.

During the recent wet weather em-
ployees of the Virginia Railway and Power
Company were instructed to take particular care to stop
cars with the entrance and exits as
solid ground as possible, and
motorists were ordered to pull up
to such comparatively dry spots for
the convenience of the patrons. Con-
sequently, there was a considerable
saving in shoe leather, and many per-
sons have this foresight to thank for
being without colds due to wet feet.

Runaway Captured in Maryland.

Early Williams, the fifteen-year-old
boy who was reported to have
run away from home about two weeks ago,
has been captured in Cumberland, Md.,
according to a telegram which reached
the local police yesterday. He is be-
lieved he had been working in the
city, and will probably be returned here
within the next few days.

Sergeant Kerse Improved.

Police Sergeant W. Kerse, 2613
East Grace Street, who was stricken
with paralysis while at his desk in
the second floor station on Monday
day morning, was last night reported
as resting comfortably, and thought to
be somewhat improved. Sergeant
Kerse is now thought to have very
good chance for recovery. It is said
that his left arm and side were chiefly
affected by the stroke.

Sent to Grand Jury.

William E. Baker, colored, was yester-
day sent on to the grand jury on
charge of breaking into the residence
of William Rodgers and stealing an
alarm clock, a pair of trousers and \$3
worth of groceries.

Liquor Case Continued.

The case against Mary E. Patterson,
colored, arrested on a charge of selling
liquor without a license, was yesterday
continued until to-day by Justice
Crutcher.

Alleged Speeder Arrested.

Joseph S. Klinker, a chauffeur, was
yesterday arrested by Motorcycle Po-
liceman Archie Holt on a charge of
speeding his machine through the city
streets.

Arrested on Suspicious Character.

Julian Wood was last night arrested
by Policeman Bertucci as a suspicious
character, suspected of a felony.

Charged With Stealing Coal.

Joseph Ford, colored, was last night
arrested by Policeman Duling on a
charge of stealing a lot of coal from
the yard of E. P. Murphy & Son.

CHRIS'MAS comes but

Once a year—all

the more reason

for doin' some-

thin' to make it

pleasantly re-

membered.

Velvet Joe

The man whose wife gives him a humidor

of VELVET for Christmas, will remember

every good sense with keen appreciation

every time he whiffs the genial, mellowed-

in-the-wood fragrance of the Smoothest

Smoking Tobacco. Pound humidors,

10c tins and 5c metal-lined bags.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

400 East Broad Street.

Open Daily, 8:30 A. M. to 8 P. M.; Sunday, 10 to 2.

Remember the time—Wednesday, December 16th, 4 to 7 o'clock P. M.

Let Us Help You Find Work

Bring us a letter stating what you can do and what your past work has been, and we will

use our best efforts to find you work.

Our Board of Directors are all Richmond men. They are interested in various large local

affairs, and have the city's interests at heart. If you will bring a letter of application, we will

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YOUNG MERCHANT IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED AT HOME

Earlwin W. Parrish, of Strang & Par-
rish, Had Been Ill for Some
Time.

Earlwin W. Parrish, thirty-five years
old, was found dead in bed at his home,
604 North Thirty-third Street, yester-
day morning at 7:45 o'clock. He had
been ill for some time, but was not
considered in a serious condition when
he went to bed on Sunday night. His
death was discovered by a member of
the family who went to summon him
to breakfast.

Mr. Parrish was well known in busi-
ness circles, being a member of the
order of True Reformers, grocers,
Eighteenth and Main Streets. He was
unmarried, and is survived by his
mother, Mrs. E. A. Parrish, and several
brothers and sisters.

The funeral arrangements have not
yet been completed, but will probably
be held to-morrow. The body was
taken to the home of a sister, Mrs. G.
A. Broadbent, 1106 Porter Street, South
Richmond, where the funeral will prob-
ably be held.

Ross Case to Be Called To-Day.

The case against Floyd Ross, colored,
president of the Grand Fountain, United
Order of True Reformers, charged
with embezzling \$342 and \$150 from
the funds of the order, will be called
arrested some time ago by Detective
Sergeant Krenzler on a warrant sworn
out by members of the order. Ross is
now at liberty on a \$1,000 bond.

According to the police, who have
been keeping track of his movements
since his release on bail, the man has
left the city.

Supreme Court to Review NORFOLK LICENSE TAX LAW

Postal Telegraph Company Appeals
From Judgment of Norfolk Circuit
Court.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of
Virginia yesterday awarded a writ of
error and supersedeas in the case of
the city of Norfolk vs. the Postal Tele-
graph Cable Company.

The appeal is from a judgment of the
Circuit Court of the city of Norfolk
against the Postal, October 1, in pro-
ceedings brought by the city. The
Postal was charged with doing business
without having paid a special license
tax.

The original charge was sworn out
in July. The Norfolk police ju-
stice imposed a fine of \$10 on the com-
pany. Appeal was taken to the Cir-
cuit Court, and judgment of the
police court was sustained.

The Circuit Court judge, however,
in rendering an opinion, decided that
so much of the city ordinance which
imposed a license tax of \$500 on telegraph
companies doing business in Norfolk,
as was local, but so much of the or-
dinance as imposed a license tax of \$1
per pole and \$1 for every 100 feet of
conduct was unconstitutional and void.

The telegraph company now contends
that "on the facts this license fee to
the extent of \$500 at least is illegal
and void." The petitioner submits:

"We cannot conceive on what theory
this license fee can be maintained. It
is open to several fatal objections, any
one of which, in our opinion, renders
it unreasonable, illegal and void."

"It is an annual license fee of about
one-tenth of the entire value of the
physical property. This is equivalent
to 10 per cent tax, and yet, in addi-
tion to it, the city levies an ad valorem
tax. Hence it is not a tax, but a
license, and yet the city does not
spend a dollar in disbursements in con-
nection with these telegraph lines be-
ing on and under the streets."

"It is a double license fee. First, the
license fee of \$1 a pole and \$1 for every
foot of conduit, and then a lump license
of \$500. This is absolutely indefen-
sible, and is not sustained by a single
decision."

"In the third place, it results in the
company transacting its intrastate
business at a loss, and that loss has to
be made up from the interstate re-
ceipts. That is a burden on interstate
commerce, and is illegal and void under
the provisions of the Supreme Court of
the United States."

CITY OFFICIALS SPEAK AT HIGHLAND PARK MEETING

James E. Dickerson Would Enlist
Northside Voters in Street Rail-
way Franchise Fight.

City officials and members of the City
Council addressed the monthly meet-
ing of the Highland Park Citizens' As-
sociation, held last night in the as-
sembly-room of the Highland Park
School, and after they had finished,
James E. Dickerson, clerk in the Water
Department, who, with several friends,
had come in casually, explained the po-
sition of the East End Citizens' Asso-
ciation on the proposed street railway
franchise, and said that it was the
duty of every citizen to acquaint him-
self with both